

The news from the Miami Valley are more glorious than ever this week. Read and be glad.

We still have plenty of blank college pledges, which will be mailed to any one who will endeavor to secure subscriptions for the College.

Bro. J. H. Swihart's wife's mother recently died in Pennsylvania, and his wife has been absent from home during the past month, and waiting upon her during her sickness.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Bro. James Quinter's new work on Trine Immersion. As soon as we have time, we will examine it and tell the truth about it as nearly as we can.

Elder E. L. Yoder informs us that the affliction in his family has been augmented by his oldest daughter taking down sick with sore throat. Neither he or sister Yoder are much improved in health as yet.

Sister Susan Emonds says she hopes we will have one thousand sisters to give one dollar each for the College before April 1st. We hope so too. Wonder whether some of our live sisters will not commence a subscription paper in their churches and gather in the one dollars?

We are in receipt of an explanatory article from brother H. P. Moyer, of Mt. Morris, Ill., which will appear next week. We learn from it that Mt. Morris College is entirely sound on the question of true immersion, and that the institution is in no way responsible for any views expressed by him.

We started a meeting here last Sunday 7th, inst. The interest is very good. We expect help by Eld. J. Nicholson. Roads not very good, still we have large congregations.

S. R. REIST.

Aurelia, Iowa, Feb. 18.

The Boyer Estate.

We learn there is an estate to be settled in the Boyer family. My name was Elizabeth Boyer; by marriage it is Elizabeth Cart. I have always lived in Indiana. There is a sister Boyer in Iowa or Illinois, I am not certain which, who has been writing. It seems that they are at a loss to know where the heirs are. George Boyer at Kingston, Missouri is my youngest brother.

Lawrence, Kansas.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given to the churches of S. Michigan and N. Ind., to send delegates from their respective congregations to Milford, Kos. Co., Ind., to assist in formulating a plan to do general mission work in the districts represented. Meeting appointed for, Tuesday, March 6th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Address all correspondence upon the subject to

R. F. MALLOTT.

Nappanee, Ind.

MARRIED.

At the residence of S. J. Lichty, near Waterloo, Iowa, February 16, 1886, by Rev. S. H. Bashor, Mr. Daniel W. Corey and Miss Edith Hess, both of Blackhawk county.

COLLEGE FUND.

Richard Arnold	\$200.00
Aaron Showalter	25.00
Henry Eyma	10.00
A. M. Gibson	10.00

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Feb. 18.—We were agreeably surprised on the evening of Feb. 5th, by a company of upwards of a score of brethren and others, who found their way into our dwelling and began depositing groceries and provisions in general, with an air that meant business, until we could say with old Jacob, "It is enough." We do not know the worth in dollars and cents of the sum total. Suffice it to say we appreciate that, and above all do we appreciate the spirit that prompted the act feeling that it was an expression of good will for pastor and family, that was thought could not be manifested so well in any other way; and our prayer is that God may bless the donors in all that goes to make true temporal and spiritual prosperity.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

MARY A. REPLOGLE.

P. S. We are also happy in the fact that on Thursday the 11th inst., the Lord presented us with a stout young son, and while thus blessed in the natural family, we are praying for success in the spiritual family and to this end, we have set Sunday the 21st, as the time for beginning a series of meetings in our city church.

We solicit the prayers of all in behalf of success. Hoping that we may be able to build up Christ's Kingdom and take a part in heralding the good news of Zion of which the B. E. is being filled. How it cheers our hearts to hear of the prosperity of Zion. Oh! For more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Miami Valley Items.

Our meetings at Winchester closed last Sunday evening, the 14th, with 76 accessions.

Fourteen came forward on the last evening, and there is no doubt had we continued that many more would have united with us.

Bro. Mallott has made many dear and lasting friends in this neighborhood. We could fill several columns with items concerning this meeting, but as I am a strong advocate of brevity in sending in our church news, I must be consistent.

As usual, misrepresentation and prejudice were the devil's weapons, but they were powerless against the sword of the Spirit.

This victory for a Gospel alone Christianity is the more significant, when we take into consideration that this is the great German Baptist stronghold of the United States.

EDWARD MASON.

Death of Brother Abel Finley.

Upon our way to Johnstown from the Conemaugh meetings to take train for here, we stopped with the hospitable family of Bro. B. Benshoff, on Monday the 15th, and there learned the sad truth that Bro. Finley died on Sunday morning about 10 o'clock; and that our appointment at Rosedale had been withdrawn, and that services were to be held at the house of mourning. Accordingly we visited the home of our esteemed brother. We went into the silent room, where he lay. There, natural as life in appearance, with the very smile so constant in his countenance, laid in a coffin, what seemed to be Bro. Finley. We laid our

left hand upon his brow. But Oh! the cold, damp sensation told us with a painful thrill, that it was not Bro. Finley. It was only the tenement. Bro. Finley, who so lately occupied it, had gone to a higher and better mansion.

In the evening the family dwelling was packed with friends and neighbors, and we tried to preach to them. The Johnstown church, the Rosedale S. S., the Social meeting, the neighborhood, and last, but not least, the family, all, all, lost a valuable friend and supporter in the demise of Bro. Finley; but all seem to concur in the assurance that they "Sorrow not as those who have no hope."

But on earth who shall take his place? Who will? Who can? Some can at least try and we hope they will without delay.

P. J. BROWN.

Wooster, Ohio, Feb. 17.

To the Brethren of Virginia.

At a meeting of the Brethren of Round Hill, Va., held Feb. 13th, 1886, it was unanimously decided to consult the Brethren of Va., in regard to holding a State Convention for the purpose of selecting an evangelist for this State.

It was suggested that each assemble in convention in their respective churches and consider the propriety of putting an evangelist in the field.

If the churches thus assembled favor an evangelist, they are requested to either select delegates to send to the general Convention, with instructions as to whom they should vote for, or if they should not feel disposed to send delegates, take the vote of the church assembled as to whom should be the said evangelist, and send the vote, thus ascertained by letter, to general convention. Those voting by proxy should send the same to Eld. E. B. Shaver, Maurertown, Va.

If the churches favor an evangelist, the time and place of holding the Convention will be hereafter designated by order of the brethren of Round Hill.

G. A. COPP, Secretary.

Field Echoes.

With reluctance I took leave of the good people in Winchester, Ohio, Sabbath eve., Feb. 14. Never shall I forget the last meeting held there when 14 were added to us, among them some of my earliest friends in the place. I have been somewhat restless since, thinking often of the query: What would have been the result could we have held meetings another week? 61 of those that united were heads of families. I leave with one assurance—that of a permanent work being done for the Brethren Church, as Bro. Mason is the right man to take charge of and do pastoral work, which he does gladly. He proposes to visit from home to home until he gets around. This is necessary, for him to form acquaintances for the mutual benefit of both pastor and people. The people of Winchester that united with us are a kind, intelligent class, and one feels at home with them. Many more are near the kingdom, and mark what I say, the Winchester mission is destined in the near future to become a strong church in our brotherhood. Bro. J. S.

Steward accommodated me with his horse and buggy to drive among our friends in the country, also his company, which was much appreciated. Would repair to Bro. Engler's pleasant home, about one mile out of town once in awhile to hear sister Nannie, his wife, play the piano and sing the sweet songs that are found in her library of music, also another country retreat for music I found in the home of Bro. Stover. Sister Naoma Stover is a daughter of Bro. Dr. Hinkle, of Farmersville. Visited among nearly all of our people, but some places I did not do justice socially. Will do better brethren in the future. Bro. Wampler brought me to the train, Monday, enroute for Northern, Ind. Thanks, Bro. W. It was a disagreeable drive through mud and snow.

Stopped over night in N. Manchester. The brethren got up a singing that night at Bro. Domes. Had a good visit. The church there is wide-awake under the pastorate of Bro. Summers. They coaxed long and earnestly for another protracted meeting. Came to Milford and joined my family, Tuesday, after an absence of 7 weeks. Preached in the evening in Milford to a good house. Came yesterday the 17th, to Nappanee, Ind., to begin work. No church here, only four of our folks in town or country. Will work and trust to the Lord for results. The work is His. Let the essay department of our paper be improved. We have talent that can weave the threads of Christian experience into necessary commodities for the readers of the EVANGELIST—napkins, kerchiefs, gospel shoes of peace, seamless coats of love, etc., etc. Wake up. Frat.

R. F. MALLOTT.

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Home Again.

DEAR EVANGELIST: This is the 15th of Feb., and I am now writing at my own desk at home. I left Frakford, Ind., yesterday morning and reached home in the evening, found wife and children all well; of course it was a complete surprise to them, not that they believed or feared that I had left or forsaken them, as some of the devil's agents had maliciously reported, but because I came in on them very unexpectedly. But they all assured me that the surprise was a very agreeable one, by the caresses and kisses that were showered upon me by all. I left home on the 27th of November and of course was getting almost homesick. Every body was very kind to me while away and I enjoy the associations of the Brethren and kind friends, but there is no place quite like home to me. Were it not for the love of my Master's cause, which I have always been willing to help advance to the extent of my ability, I could not be induced to be absent from loved ones at home so much. But now I am at home, Ellerton, Ohio, is my address, hence my friends will know where to address me.

As I have been reporting my work through the paper, I haven't much to report at this time. I reported from Flora last. From there I went to Edna Mills and held a few meetings, visited some of the Brethren and assisted Bro. J. H. Swihart last Tuesday to

anoint our dear sister Bertha Cripe, who is in the last stage of Consumption, her hope in Jesus is and she is fully resigned to the strong will of the Lord, whether it be to live or to die.

We also spent several days with our esteemed brother, Swihart who lives near what is called the Pleasant Hill church. Here the Brethren were anxious for a series of meetings and although we preached several times, we were obliged to close on account of rain and mud. The roads were the worst I ever saw in the State, they were simply too bad to be traveled. So I pulled out for home. I staid the last night with Bro. Samuel Latschaw, he kindly took me to the depot. Frankford, where I took the train for home. His noble wife is not a member of the church, but I fondly hope that God may soon call her by his grace, to give her heart to the Lord.

God blessed me with good health during this tour, and we tried to do what we could to advance his cause.

During this trip we received into the church 55 members, and organized two new congregations, may God bless and keep them all by his grace so that none will be lost, is my prayer.

J. A. RIDENOUR.

To All Whom it May Concern—Greeting.

On Friday morning Jan. 23rd, we boarded the train at Sedalia, Ind., for Flora, where Bro. James A. Ridenour was holding a protracted meeting. There being but few members of the Brethren church at that place, we thought, perhaps, the presence of other Brethren might give them some encouragement, and we also intended to do what we could for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Although we are weak, we are glad to know, that the Lord demands no more of us than we are able to do.

If we have but one talent, the Lord only requires us to improve one. He does not measure us by other men, and I fear if He did, some of us would get fearfully left.

We left the train at Bringhurst, took dinner with a relative belonging to the "Old Order" fraternity. After dinner we repaired to the place of meeting, where we met the "preacher." Went to the church in the evening, where Bro. Ridenour preached to a large congregation. He "shunned not to preach the Gospel of Christ," and it had the desired effect, with one exception and that is, ALL should "come and partake of the water of life freely." But it is a consolation to know that some of the ALL, are willing to make a step toward Jesus. Some say, well if my neighbor will unite with you, I will too. Others say, if my wife, or my husband (as the case may be) will go, I am ready.

On Sunday evening Jan. 24th, fully one hundred people were compelled to turn away, on account of the crowded condition of the house. Thus we see people are anxious to hear the Gospel and our prayers are that many may become as anxious to accept as to listen to it; for "it is THE power of God unto Salvation."

MARTIN SHIVELY.

Ashland, Ohio, Feb. 19.

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